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Freedom Invincible

Wiping out of the 145-year-old Bible Society of Czechoslovakia comes as the latest illustration of Communist hostility to religion. By every unscrupulous device the Soviet State has sought for years to erase God from man's thought. The basic significance of the menace of communism is the design of immoral, heartless materialism to destroy "the things of the Spirit."

While this has long been unmistakably known, there is perhaps one aspect of the conflict not so widely recognized. Good often brings evil to the surface in order to eliminate it. Apparently this now is happening on a global scale. The advance of spiritual truth in the western world has been followed by a surge of atheism in the Eurasian East. The greater freedom of man in the West, primarily resulting from a better understanding of God, has its opposite in the wholesale enslavement of man in regions where officially the existence of God is denied.

Truth and justice will certainly prevail, as in countless times in the past. Even in the realm of the Communists, as Lieut. Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, former Ambassador to Russia, found, "The persistence of an independent spiritual life is at once one of the important and one of the mysterious things that have transpired in the Soviet State."

The forces arming in defense against the spread or continuance of materialistic communism are mighty. Powerful nations which were essentially founded upon faith in God will not be overcome. The greater freedom of thought born of a truer knowledge of God and man has for centuries been building up resources which will prove invincible. When the struggle is over and mental darkness dispelled the world will find itself in the midst of an era of exceptional progress.